

25-R-95

A RESOLUTION

Opposing the Passage of House Bill 0568
as it Pertains to Preempting
Municipal Regulation of Firearms

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Evanston have determined that House Bill 0568 as it pertains to the preemption of municipal regulation of firearms, ammunition, components, accessories, and accoutrements is not in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, the authority to regulate firearms should remain vested in the corporate authorities of municipalities who are in a better position to determine the best interests of their communities in relation to firearms; and

WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill 0568 will take away a primary crime-fighting tool used by municipalities and their law enforcement agencies in dealing with gangs, drug dealers, and juveniles who use firearms; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 0568 is so overbroad in its wording that it may be construed as preempting municipal licensing and zoning of firearms dealers, and the preemption of municipal licensing and zoning authority is contrary to the basic tenets of home rule authority,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Evanston strongly encourage the members of the General Assembly to vote NO on House Bill 0568.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Lorraine H. Morton
Mayor

ATTEST:
Kirsten Davis
City Clerk

Adopted: March 27, 1995